

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/647,926

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Art Unit

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to communication filed on 05/02/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-10.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on 01/09/2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 05/02/05, 08/12/04
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

1. Claims 1-10 are allowed because the prior art does not teach a device for temperature measurement comprising a second inductive assembly component being driven by movement of a temperature sensitive element, the movement of the second inductive assembly component relative to a first inductive assembly component generates a change in a local eddy current pattern corresponding to the sensed temperature, in combination with the remaining limitations of claims 1-10.

Tollefsen et al. U.S. 2457286 discloses a device in the field of applicant's endeavor. Tollefsen et al. do not teach an eddy current corresponding to measured temperature.

SU 494623A discloses measurement eddy current as a result of change of the magnetic field as the result of changing (measuring) an angle. SU does not teach that the angle is changing (movement) as the result of movement of a temperature-sensing element, and thus, changing the eddy current corresponding to measured temperature.

Nath U.S. 3878721 discloses a device in the field of applicant's endeavor. Nath does not teach that a temperature-sensing element is moving, and changing eddy current corresponding to the sensed temperature.

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Conclusion

2. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The prior art cited in the PTO-892 and not mentioned above disclose related devices and methods.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gail Verbitsky whose telephone number is 571/ 272-2253. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30 to 4:00 ET.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Diego Gutierrez can be reached on 571/ 272-2245. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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